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RE: CG Docket No. 03-123; TRS Fund—Drastic VRS Rate Cuts

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Please stop any VRS program cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

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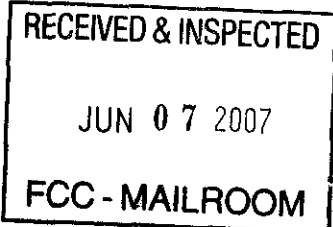
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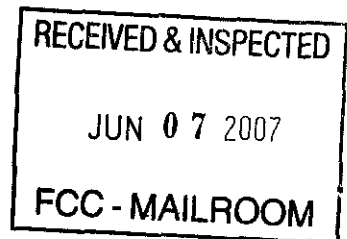
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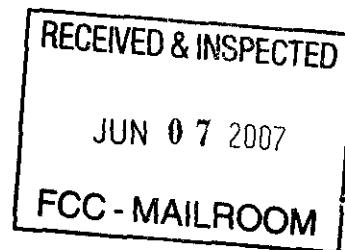
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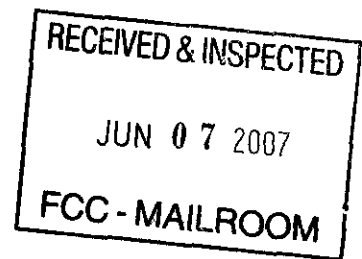
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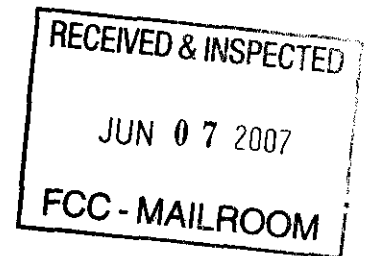
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